

## BEWILDERED DELEGATES ROAM CHICAGO

### EVERYBODY UP IN THE AIR OVER UNCERTAINTY

Prospects of Deadlock Hourly Become More Pronounced In Chicago.

SQUABBLE OVER SEATS BECOMES MORE LIVELY

Lucy Page Gaston, Only Woman Candidate, Withdraws From Political Race.

CHICAGO, June 7.—No charges have appeared today in the convention lineup and none are expected.

Twenty hours before the convention assembles, it is an absolutely unexcited, unexcited affair and as the bewildered delegates mill around the hotel lobbies bewailing the absence of leadership, the men who were the real leaders in the years gone by find a grim satisfaction in referring to the charges of hosiery which were so freely hurled at them at former conventions. They are asking delegates if it is not better to be led than lost.

Such overnight and early morning conferences as were held, were of the same inconclusive nature as those which preceded them and only served to strengthen the program and to learn by its preliminary ballots that none of the candidates has enough delegates to nominate him.

Leaders No Longer.

The so-called leaders are still explaining to inquirers that attention is being concentrated on the platform, which they emphasize is very important. The best informed observers, however, see evidence that this is merely a screen to hide the fact that the so-called leaders are no longer leaders. The passing of the old line party whip, it becomes more and more evident, has brought up an entirely new crop of so-called leaders, many of whom do not know another and that is one of the things which explains the lack of cohesive action in getting down to definite conclusions.

Nobody Has Enough.

No campaign manager has been able to strengthen his lines enough to go in with confidence for a real test vote. Each one of them is waiting for the first ballot to demonstrate how good are the assurances he has received from the uninstructed delegates.

All the managers look for the first ballot to settle the outlook considerably for the big three—Johnson, Lowden and Wood. They feel that the candidate who gets the highest number will have a potential advantage and the candidate who stands at the bottom of the list will be decidedly on the defensive. The candidate who can make a gain on the second ballot, the managers feel, will provide his manager with very valuable ammunition in rounding up things for the third.

Dark horse talk was still in the background today and there was a strong undercurrent of Hughes' talk. Senator Borah, of Idaho, one of the Johnson supporters, said that as yet he was not considering dark horses, but that he would regard Mr. Hughes as "a very formidable man" if the dark horse stage were reached.

Several Fights Likely.

Today's business was largely among the state organizations which were organizing and electing members to the committee. Several good fights in the selection of national committeemen were being staged.

The campaign managers and others continue to get reflexes from the senate's campaign expenditures investigation at Washington. Men who are coming in from the states are bringing the view that the convention might better find a candidate who has not been mentioned in the investigation at all. It was from such as these that came most frequently the names of Hughes, Governor Coolidge and others who did not figure in any way in the slush fund inquiry.

The New York delegation postponed until Wednesday morning its discussion of candidates. This decision was reached at the request of Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, who said he did not want to receive any complimentary or "favorite son" votes.

Look the Field Over.

"I want the New York delegates to have a chance to look over the situation," he said. "I have made it plain that I am not seeking any complimentary vote. This is no time for paying compliments. I do not wish my favorite son votes. I want only the votes of those who have faith in my candidacy and who sincerely desire to support me. I am not willing to be made a pawn in the game for nomination for governor or any local political issue."

As the situation has developed, it seems not unlikely that the delegates from New York, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Ohio may figure prominently in making the final decision. It is for the New York delegates and for me to decide how best to use their great opportunity to give to New York again its position of commanding leadership in the national organization.

The latest developments on the league of nations plank in the platform are that progress is being made towards agreement on a plank that will satisfy those of us who have been standing for the traditional Republican foreign policy. If those who have been opposing any co-operation between the United States and foreign nations to promote the peace of the world will accept such a plank will have no difference of opinion and no debate. If, however, the contrary should be the case, there will be such a debate and it will be conducted without any pussyfooting.

The big fellows will have their (Continued on Page 3)

### GOMPERS OPENS LABOR CONVENTION

FEDERATION GAINS NEARLY ONE MILLION MEMBERS LAST YEAR



#### GOMPERS FACES TOUGH FIGHT AT MONTREAL MEET

Samuel Gompers, 70 years of age, 38 times president of the American Federation of Labor, and with a single year's intermission, the undisputed leader of organized labor since the formation of the federation in 1881, today opened the fortieth annual convention of the A. F. of L. at Montreal.

For many years Gompers' enemies in the federation have hoped and expected his defeat; the radicals in the movement have opposed him consistently; but year after year he holds his ground and the "Gompers machine" flattens out opposition, puts through resolutions, endorses the action of the "executive council" and re-elected Gompers president.

Gompers is facing one of the big fights of his career on the question of political action at this convention. Various branches of the federation have formed "Labor Parties" and challenged the time-honored policy of Gompers who has stuck to non-partisanship and a policy of "rewarding friends and punishing enemies" in the political field. Two years ago, the convention changed the date of meeting from November to June in order that the convention might have more effect on the presidential and congressional campaigns.

His friends expect him to hold his forces in line and secure an endorsement of the non-partisan campaign which the federation is now conducting.

#### "AMERICAN MILLIONAIRE" ACCUSED OF SHOOTING

(By Universal Service) (Special Cable Dispatch)

PARIS, June 7.—An "American millionaire" has been charged by Prince Vladimir Cantacuzescu, with the former czar of Russia, with shooting and wounding him in the head in a restaurant dance hall in Montmartre.

The prince and a party had gone to the cafe, which was of the better class, to celebrate the recently granted permission for such amusement places to remain open longer hours. How the shooting occurred and the identity of the American involved have not been disclosed.

#### HEAD OF DEFUNCT MAIL ORDER FIRM SENTENCED

CHICAGO, June 7.—Samuel Grossman, president of the defunct Ripschubert-Grossman company, a mail order concern, was found guilty of using the mails to defraud by a jury. Three of the defendants were acquitted.

The concern was organized in 1914 and was alleged to have sold \$3,000,000 worth of stock. Judge S. R. Rush of Omaha acted as special prosecutor.

#### CANADIAN PAPER MILLS MUST GIVE SUPPLIES

OTTAWA, Ont., June 7.—The dominion government will introduce legislation this week compelling Canadian makers of newsprint to supply fifteen per cent of their total output to Canadian publishers, according to the Citizen today. The bill will not fix the price.

### U. S. RELIEF TRAIN AIDING POLES IS SHELLED BY REDS

WARSAW, June 6.—By the Associated Press.—The Poles according to an official statement issued today, are continuing their successful attack on the northern front and have occupied Gubokki, 15 miles east of Suksians, and Dohelicha, fifteen miles south of Gubokki, taking many prisoners with guns and other booty. The Bolsheviks to cover their retreat, attacked in strength at several places, trying to cross the middle Beresina. They were repulsed, however, the statement says.

A Polish-American relief expedition train manned by Lieutenant Arthur Fox of Philadelphia and six soldiers has been shelled by the Bolsheviks on the road between Minsk and Borisov. All the relief workers escaped injury and the damaged train was rescued.

Medical supplies were captured by the Bolsheviks when the Americans evacuated a sanitary station.

### PROVIDE MILLIONS TO BUY ROLLING STOCK FOR ROADS

WASHINGTON, June 7.—Immediate appropriation of \$125,000,000 of government funds for the use of railroads to purchase new rolling stocks was announced today by the interstate commerce commission. The money will be advanced out of the \$200,000,000 revolving fund provided in the transportation act.

Appropriations for additional equipment to promote the movement of cars were fixed at \$73,000,000; appropriations to meet maturing obligations were fixed at \$10,000,000; appropriations for loans to short line carriers at \$12,000,000.

### SOMEBODY WILL SUFFER BECAUSE BERGDOLL ESCAPED

WASHINGTON, June 7.—Evidence taken by the army in connection with the escape of Grover Cleveland Bergdall, wealthy draft evader, will be submitted to the department of justice for determination whether it justifies prosecution of civilians involved in the escape.

Secretary Baker in making this announcement today said the recommendations of the inspector-general involved "disciplinary action against several persons." No names were made public.

### ENEMIES OF NEW REGIME OF MEXICO WILL BE BANISHED

EL PASO, Tex., June 7.—Enemies of the new regime in Mexico are to be banished from their homes, according to a report received here today from Chihuahua City. Three prominent lawyers and the editor of a newspaper there have been ordered to leave the state.

The four men, it was said, were active in the campaign for the election of Ignacio Bonillas as president of the republic, and Andres Ortiz as governor of the state. They were ordered to leave the state of Chihuahua.

### PLACE GALVESTON UNDER RULE OF MILITARY FORCES

AUSTIN, Tex., June 7.—Galveston was placed under martial law, effective at noon today, in a proclamation by Governor W. P. Hobby at 10:50 o'clock this morning because of freight congestion there resulting from a strike of longshoremen.

### ARTHUR S. PHINNEY, OF THEATRICAL FAME, DEAD

NEW YORK, June 7.—Arthur S. Phinney, well known theatrical manager, died here. He was born in Van Wert, Ohio, forty-four years ago.

### 800 STEERS PLUNGE FROM CATTLE BOAT TO JAWS OF SHARKS

HAVANA, June 7.—Virtually all of 800 fine steers aboard the American steamer St. Charles were drowned and devoured by sharks which infest the waters off Moro Castle when the animals stampeded and plunged overboard Saturday afternoon. A comparative few swam ashore and are now wandering about the suburbs.

When sanitary officers boarded the ship on her arrival they found bodies of 130 dead steers on the vessel. They ordered the ship to put to sea and discharge the carcasses. While the crew was engaged in this onerous task the animals became stampeded. They rushed up and down the decks and plunged into the sea where the tigers of the deep awaited them. Four were seen to strike the water almost simultaneously and in an instant they were dragged underneath the surface, only a trail of blood telling their fate.

The crew of the St. Charles is in terror and harbor authorities are having difficulty in securing men to enter the hold and remove the remainder of the menacing cargo. Only fifty carcasses had been thrown overboard when the stampede occurred.

### GERMANS VOTE BIG MAJORITY TO SOCIALISTS

Canvass Made of Vote Cast Sunday For First Republican Reichstag.

BERLIN, June 7.—Majority Socialists have been elected to 24 seats in the first republican reichstag, according to latest reports from the canvass of the vote cast yesterday. Independent Socialists will hold 24 seats, the German People's party, 23; Democrats 16; Nationalists 15; Centrists 14; and Communists 2.

The vote, according to figures tabulated up to four o'clock this morning, follows:

Majority Socialists, 2,107,000; Independent Socialists, 1,456,000; German People's party, 1,415,000; Democrats, 919,000; German Nationalists, 915,000; Centrists, 851,000; Communists, 128,000.

In the city of Berlin the latest figures show the Independent Socialists cast by far the largest vote of any of the parties, their total being 459,978, giving them seven seats in the reichstag.

Bernstorff Defeated.

Count von Bernstorff, former ambassador to the United States, running as a German Nationalist, has been defeated.

Prince and Princess Elitel Friedrich and Prince Joachim, members of the family of former Emperor William, recorded their votes at Potsdam.

The following may be considered re-elected: German Democrats: Herr von Siemens, Dr. Bernhard Dernburg, former minister for the colonies; Dr. Peterson, Herr Hausmann, Herr Ruschke, Professor Walter Schueckel.

Majority Socialists: Hugo Heimann, Richard Fischer, Ex-Chancellor Philipp Scheidemann, Edouard Bernstein, Otto Weis, Dr. Gustav Bauer, present minister of finance.

German People's party: Dr. Karl Helfferich, former vice-chancellor, Herr Reiffers, Professor Wilhelm Kahl, Dr. Gustav Stresemann, Herr von Kardorff.

German Nationalists: Herr Wulle, Herr Laverenz.

Independent Socialists: Carl Fritz Subell, Herr Breitschied.

### COMMUNIST DISORDERS.

According to the North German Gazette's advice from Stettin, the communists at Poland destroyed the voting receptacles, which will necessitate another election there. At Hunding the voting documents were destroyed as the sequel to a quarrel over alleged faulty registration.

The German election was held under the proportional voting system, under which every 50,000 votes cast by any party gives it one member of the reichstag. There is no definite number of seats in the reichstag under this system.

500 MILLION GERMAN BONDS SHARE OF U. S.

PARIS, June 7.—The share of the United States in the first twenty-billion marks gold of reparations bonds, which Germany is required to issue, under the Versailles treaty, will be about \$500,000,000, it was stated here today.

This sum, it was explained, will be for the first twenty months' occupation of the Rhineland by American troops.

### MOTHER PLEADS FOR RETURN OF KIDNAPED BABE

"Can't You Imagine My Anguish?" Asks Mrs. George H. Coughlin.

NORRISTOWN, Pa., June 7.—Another appeal for the return of her baby, who was stolen from his crib last Wednesday morning, was issued tonight by Mrs. George H. Coughlin, 2511 Locust street.

"I want my baby," said the grief-stricken mother. "Some woman must be caring for him. Won't you let your mother's heart plead for me now and send him safely back to me? All we care for is the return of our little boy, and I promise we will deal directly with you. Oh, can't you imagine my anguish?"

More letters claiming to be from the kidnappers and demanding ransom ranging from \$2000 to \$20,000, were received today from Dallas, Texas, saying that a colored woman, with a baby, answering the description of Blakeley Coughlin was under arrest there.

### DECIDE TO POSTPONE CONFERENCE AT SPA

PARIS, June 7.—Postponement of the allied-German conference, which was to have been held at Spa, on June 21, is considered certain in French official circles, because of the inability of officials to prepare material for discussions at the date fixed for the meeting.

It is believed that the conference will be held about July 6.

### BANK GOES UNDER WHEN OFFICIAL AID IS REFUSED

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, June 7.—The Bank of South America, at Quito, has been forced to close after a panic and heavy withdrawals of deposits. The bank applied for permission to issue treasury bills, and the banking commissioner found it did not have its claimed gold reserve.

### TURKS MUST REPLY TO PEACE OFFER BY JUNE 15

PARIS, June 7.—Turkey has been given an extension of time amounting to fifteen days in which to make its reply to the terms of peace presented by the allied nations. The reply, under the new arrangement, will be due on June 15.

### CZECHO-SLOVAKS GOING HOME THROUGH CANADA

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 7.—Three thousand Czecho-Slovak troops who fought under Admiral Kolchak, in Siberia, arrived from Vladivostok Sunday on the steamship Ixion and were started for Montreal, whence they will sail for Trieste. A second transport with three thousand Czecho-Slovaks is due in two weeks.

### BLAST KILLS MANY.

LONDON, June 6.—Fourteen persons were killed, one hundred others were injured and many buildings destroyed by the explosion of eighty carloads of explosives near Turin, last night, according to a Rome dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company.

### SUPREME COURT PUTS APPROVAL ON AMENDMENT

Enforcement Act Also Declared to Be Valid By Opinion of Justices.

### PETITIONS TO PERMIT RUM SALE DISMISSED

Opinion Clean-Cut Victory For Anti-Liquor Forces Working in United States.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—Both the federal prohibition amendment and the enforcement act passed by congress were held constitutional today by the supreme court.

The court dismissed petitions filed by the State of Rhode Island to have federal officials enjoined from enforcing prohibition in that state.

The court also dismissed injunction proceedings brought by the State of New Jersey to prevent enforcement of prohibition within that state.

Injunctions restraining prohibition officials from interfering with the Manitowoc Products company, a Wisconsin corporation, in the manufacture of beer containing more than half of one per cent of alcohol were dissolved by the court.

The court upheld federal court decrees dismissing proceedings brought to enjoin the prohibition amendment from being enforced against Christian Feaganspahn, a brewer, of Newark, N. J.

### Federal Court Upheld.

The federal court decrees denying similar injunctions sought by the St. Louis Brewing association were likewise affirmed.

The court's opinion was very short, setting forth only the court's conclusions. Chief Justice White rendered a supplemental opinion concurring in the one rendered by Justice Van Devanter, but going more fully into the issues involved.

Associate Justice McReynolds, while not dissenting from the court's opinion, said he confined his "conclusions" to the fact that it is impossible to say what construction should be given to the 13th amendment. A multitude of questions will arise and I prefer to remain free when they arise.

### Excuses His Dissent.

Associate Justice McKenna in still another opinion said: "The court declares conclusions only, without giving reasons for them. I must at least excuse if I cannot justify my dissent."

Justice McKenna said the Rhode Island and New Jersey cases should have been decided on their merits, it added that he did not agree with the action of the court in reversing the Wisconsin case.

While the vote of the court on the main decision has not yet been announced, it is known that at least Justice McKenna dissented. Permission to file motions asking for rehearing of the cases was given by the court at the request of the attorneys in the various prohibition cases.

### APOLOGIZE TO BRITISH FOR BURNING OF FLAG

WASHINGTON, June 7.—Secretary Colby, on behalf of the American government, has tendered a verbal apology to the British ambassador for the burning of a British flag here last week by Irish women.

Mr. Colby said this action had been taken pending receipt of an official report on the incident, which the District of Columbia authorities have been asked to submit. When this report is in hand a formal apology will be made to the British government.

### LA FOLLETTE'S OPERATION IS DECLARED SUCCESS

ROCHESTER, Minn., June 7.—Senator Robert M. La Follette, of Wisconsin, was operated on at St. Mary's hospital here today, for removal of the gall sac. The operation was successful, according to announcement made by surgeons, but was more serious than anticipated.

### LANDSLIDE HITS VILLAGE—14 BODIES UNEARTHED

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, June 7.—A landslide has buried part of the village of Achupayas, in the province of Chimborazo. Several houses were buried. Fourteen bodies have been unearthed. Many persons were injured.